

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/782,631
Supplemental Amendment dated September 20, 2007

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Applicant incorporates by reference herein the arguments set forth in the Amendment filed August 23, 2007. The arguments will not be repeated in order to avoid repetition.

Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-31 are pending. Claims 1, 3-14, and 16-31 have been further amended. Claims 2 and 15 have been canceled. Full support for the amendment can be found throughout the present application, for instance, at page 2, paragraph [0002], paragraph [0006], and paragraphs [0022] to [0024], and elsewhere in the present application. Accordingly, no questions of new matter should arise and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

Applicant's representative appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the interview of September 19, 2007. During the interview, Applicant's representative presented to the Examiner samples of carpet tiles of the present invention and a carpet tile made in accordance with the primary reference relied upon by the Examiner, Oakey et al. The distinctions between the presently claimed invention and the Oakey et al. reference were discussed. The Examiner agreed that the carpet tiles of the present invention were different from the carpet tiles made in accordance with Oakey et al. The Examiner recommended that the claims (which were presented in the Amendment filed on August 23, 2007) be further amended to clarify the distinguishing features and better indicate the function of the carpet tile. Applicant's representative proposed additional limitations to further define the claimed subject matter and its function. After some discussion, the Examiner agreed that the claims would likely overcome the outstanding rejections if amended to

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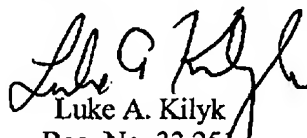
recite a carpet tile and to specify that at least two of yarns A-H of the carpet tile differ by Munsell value scale number from at least two corresponding yarns A-H throughout the carpet tile, that the carpet tile is capable of being interchanged with carpet tiles from various lots in which the claimed pattern is established, and that the carpet tile produces a visually acceptable effect. The Examiner indicated that these amendments could be presented in a Supplemental Amendment. Applicant's representative has incorporated these amendments in the amended claims presented herein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the applicant respectfully requests the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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